



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST REPORT

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Response to Grand Jury Report: “San Diego - A Bicycle Friendly City; Many Opportunities for Improvement”

OVERVIEW

On May 14, 2013, the San Diego County Grand Jury filed a report with the San Diego Mayor and City Council entitled “San Diego – A Bicycle Friendly City; Many Opportunities for Improvement.” The goal of the report was to examine the extent to which the City is providing needed bikeway improvements, facilities, and new infrastructure as well as maintaining existing bike lanes and paths to support bicycle safety and accessibility.

The Grand Jury Report included 5 findings and 4 recommendations; all of these were directed to both the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor and City Council are required to provide comments to the Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court on each of the findings and recommendations in the Grand Jury Report within 90 days; however, the City requested and was granted a 60-day extension. The response is due to the Presiding Judge on October 11, 2013.

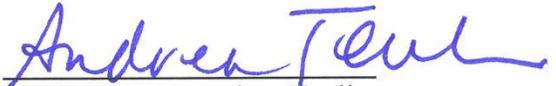
For each finding and recommendation directed to the City Council, the Council may (1) join the Mayor’s response; (2) respond with a modification to the Mayor’s response; or (3) respond independently of the Mayor. Our office obtained a copy of the Mayor’s draft response and has provided input and worked collaboratively with City staff. We have reached agreement on all responses. Therefore, the IBA is recommending that Interim Mayor Todd Gloria and the Council provide a joint response to this Grand Jury report. The full text of the joint response is included as Attachment 1 to this report.

In responding to each Grand Jury finding, the City is required to either (1) agree with the finding or (2) disagree wholly or partially with the finding. Responses to Grand Jury recommendations must indicate that the recommendation (1) has been implemented; (2) has not yet been implemented, but will be in the future; (3) requires further analysis; or (4) will not be

implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable. Explanations for responses are requested when applicable.



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Attachments:

1. Recommended City Council Responses to Findings and Recommendations in San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled “San Diego – A Bike Friendly City; Many Opportunities for Improvement”
2. Report to the City Council (13-042), City of San Diego Bike Program, May 13, 2013
3. San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled “San Diego – A Bike Friendly City; Many Opportunities for Improvement”